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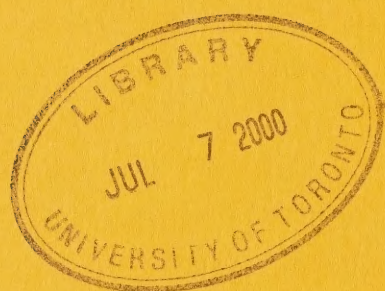
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"The Prison For Women is like an archaic medieval castle. It would violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to send a woman to do her sentence so far away from her home than a man would."

Declared by Judge Marion Wedge - in a recent ruling with respect to the Carol Daniel's case in Saskatchewan.....

A statement coinciding with the findings quoted by Bonnie Diamond of the Task Force.....

"That it is a hardship for women to move across the country to do their time due to the disparity that exist between the prisoner and their family."

FLASHBACK

- The Whig Standard - March 5, 1987 - headlining.....

"Prison For Women 'dreadful' judge says"

Judge Ted Wren further stated - he refused to sentence Calogera Santino to the Kingston Prison For Women because he thought its poor condition could be construed as an unfair sentence. Wren also stated he was surprised no one has used equality rights provisions in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to challenge the lack of "enlightened" federal penal facilities for women, summing up his comments as he described P4W as a

century-old building

terming it as

"that dreadful place"

EDITOR'S NOTE:- How often must we hear - before we adhere to the natural flow of progress

IT'S TIME FOR THAT CHANGE !



EDITORIAL



**Lets' tip the scales of injustice for the
betterment of person kind**

CHANGES

Is in essence the theme for this
sum\fall issue of TIGHTWIRE

Within we touch upon the penal
system, whereby exposing some of
the Inhumanities that are in
existence.

* Find an indepth report of the
Findings of the Task Force, indicating
specifically P4W is obsolete and
should therefore be closed.....

* A brief in nature - but frank
account of the horrendous
lockdown, wherein numerous
slashings simultaneously occuring
and attempted suicides by hanging -
in August of this year at P4W.

* Read further of the on-going
un-rest, pain, Frustration, Fear and
anguish that breeds openly within
the walls of P4W.

WORDS are cheap - PROMISES false,
INTENTIONS - useless - we the DYING
prisoner need ACTION and we need it
NOW!

* Expose on the injustices
surrounding rape, emotional abuse
and violence - featuring a moving
compassionate pictorial of same.

* Impressive talents from within -
both in writings and art.

* Works featured from prisons in
USA, Ireland and England - depicting
their pain and struggles within.....

* Humor can also be found between
the pages of this sum\fall issue -
where there is life - there must be
balance.

TIGHTWIRE is pleased to continue our
newly instituted art section for your
enjoyment.

TIME IS NOT ON OUR SIDE

Must we suffer more deaths within
the confines of P4W - before the
bureaucrats - decision makers take
heed of our horrific plight?

I address the powers at hand -

* Mr. Pierre Cadieux - Solicitor
General of Canada

* Mr. Ole Ingstrup - Commissioner
Correctional Service Canada

* Mr. Andrew Graham - Deputy
Commissioner

MISSION DOCUMENT - never to be
allowed to lay dormant. Inspite of a
recent statement made by Mr.
Andrew Graham - Deputy
Commissioner here at P4W in August
past - "his feeling that the Mission
Document is very much in play here
at not only P4W but institutions
across Canada. This viewpoint -
never CUT THE MUSTARD
with we the prisoners

Talk is cheap - unless substantiated
with facts and Mr. Graham we the
prisoners want those hard cold facts
!

STAND UP AND BE ACCOUNTED FOR

cont.....

In all fairness, the gentleman came across most sincere at a recent meeting held here at P4W involving our inmate committee - which leaves me to surmise "NAIVETY" is a factor in play here and perhaps Mr. Graham should re-check his sources of information and become enlightened to the true scenario that is in play here at not only P4W, but all institutions across Canada re the ABSENCE of the MISSION DOCUMENT.....

Read further and become aware of what the system is in reality... An obsolete, cold, un-caring, unjust and most DANGEROUS element in our society - detrimental to the emotional well-being of that prisoner - who one day will walk your street.....

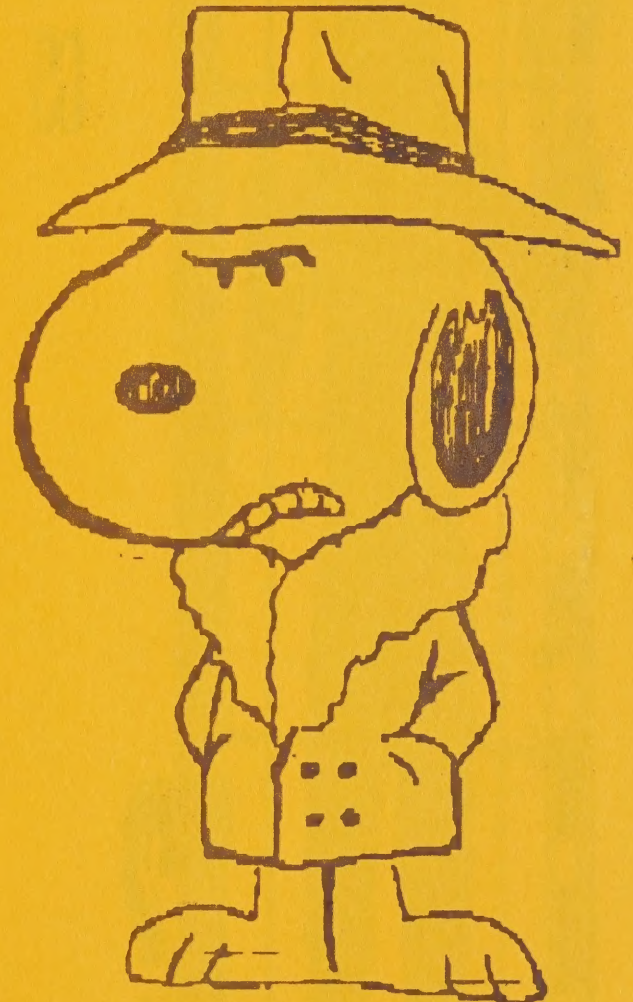
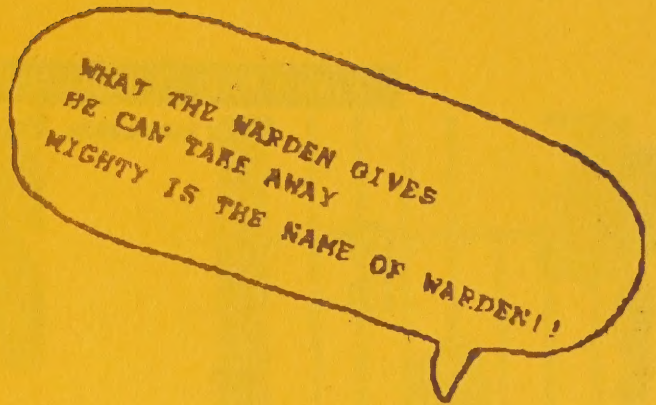
You better believe TIME is not on our hands or YOURS - time is running out !

It is time for REFORM in a major way. Rehabilitation must become the focus - or YOU - Society and I the prisoner is

ULTIMATELY DOOMED

Christina "CORKLE" Boyland

EDITOR



"I WENT THROUGH HELL AND CAME BACK."

Christina Dawn corkie Boyland

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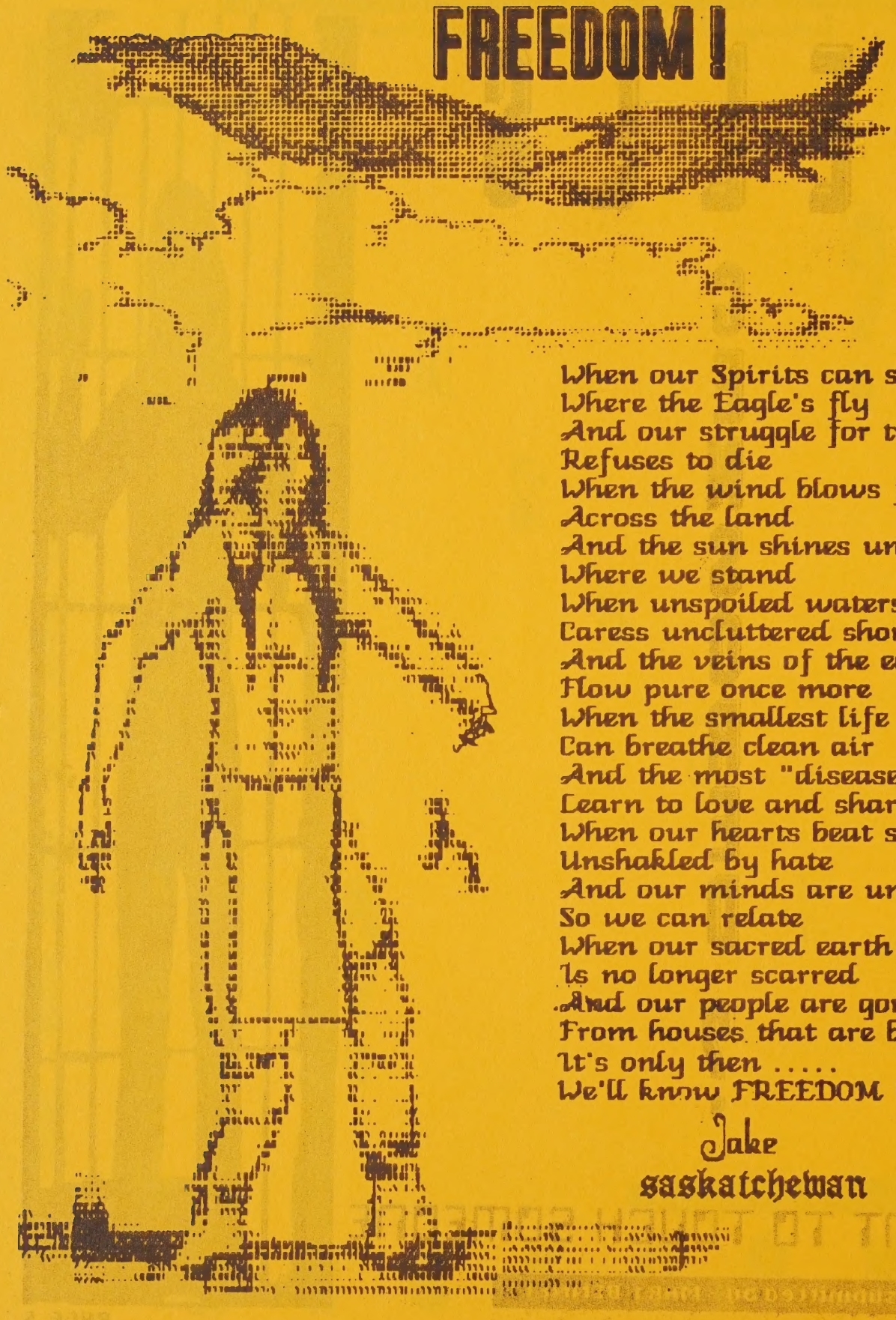
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I WANT TO TOUCH SOMEONE

submitted by - MARY BENNETT

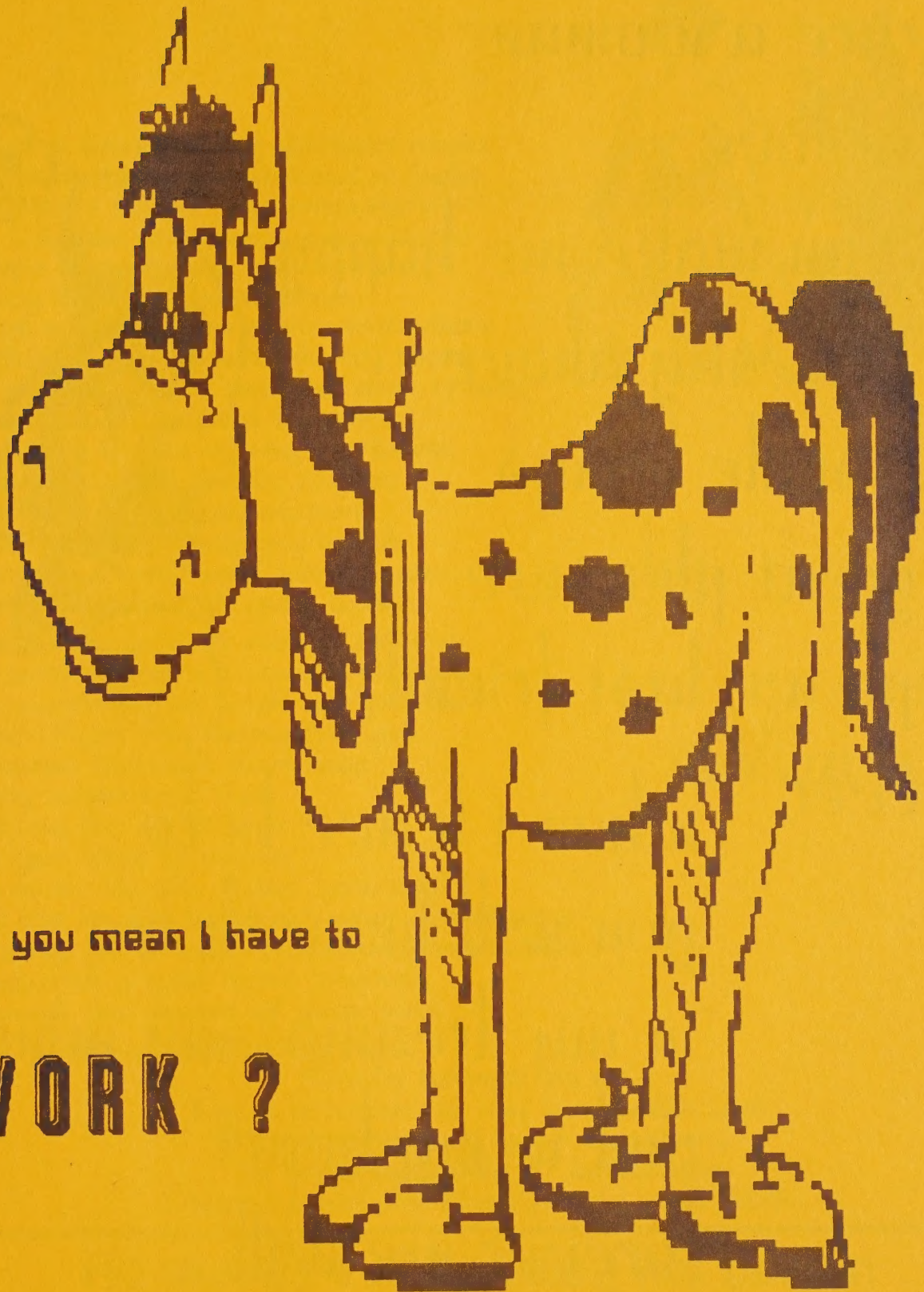


FREEDOM!



When our Spirits can soar
Where the Eagle's fly
And our struggle for truth
Refuses to die
When the wind blows free
Across the land
And the sun shines unveiled
Where we stand
When unspoiled waters
Caress uncluttered shores
And the veins of the earth
Flow pure once more
When the smallest life
Can breathe clean air
And the most "diseased"
Learn to love and share
When our hearts beat strongly
Unshakled by hate
And our minds are unclouded
So we can relate
When our sacred earth mother
Is no longer scarred
And our people are gone
From houses that are barred
It's only then
We'll know FREEDOM !

Jake
saskatchewan



do you mean i have to

WORK ?

you are a woman
full of love

you can make me happy
like the sky above

your smile brings
me great pleasure

i hope we last friend
for ever



when i leave here
you will be with me
in my dreams, my mind
and in my heart
forever we will
not part

But one thing I don't understand - why you make me cry?

love - Geni

You're a lady in my darkest night
 You stole my soul without a fight
 I couldn't touch you anywhere
 But I knew you were everywhere
 It was so realistic, yet unreal
 In my tiny concrete tomb
 I had a dream we met somewhere
 In this dream you took my there
 All was made of peaches and cream
 In this land beyond dreams
 You were Queen of my darkness
 Lord of all my lonely nights
 I became a willing victim
 Victim to your hungry touch
 I took a chance and tasted you
 I was addicted to your love

I never thought it would be true
 For without you I would be blue
 You surprise me with all you do
 I sacrificed my being for you
 I waded through darkness
 Every night and day
 Looking for your love
 But you kept it away
 You took me all, filled yourself
 Left me in the wake of your greediness
 Gasping for breath, clutching emptiness
 I endured a year long journey
 Through the desert of your soul
 Your promises of Spring time

Slowly turned ice cold
 I'm a prisoner to my insatiable lust
 I'm a victim of your treachery
 To groping hands of loneliness
 Where nights are always cold and dark



by

Mara

As always I come away not beaten
 OR
 Bent down, but less alive and more confused
 Bear

TASK FORCE REPORT

"AN EXCERPT FROM A RECENT ELIZABETH FRY NEWSLETTER"

THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF CANADA WITH THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITIES, HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT THAT EMPOWERS WOMEN TO MAKE MEANINGFUL AND RESPONSIBLE CHOICES IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

These powerful words represent the overall statement of principle which guided the Task Force on Federally Sentenced Women since its commencement last April to the release of its final Report April 1990. The report entitled **CREATING CHOICES** voices the opinions of over 300 people who shared their stories, wisdom and hopes for the future with the Task Force. It tersely describes the problems which plague the present criminal justice system for women, among them: the fact of geographic dislocation; the fact of meager and inappropriate programming; the fact that most women in conflict with the law are also victims of poverty and abuse; and the fact that the criminal justice system for women of all cultures and races has simply been a modified version of that developed by and for white men. It looks at research in the field as well as the past twelve Task Forces and Commissions that made significant comment on Federally Sentenced Women. It outlines a long-term vision, a vision of a society where community based alternatives to incarceration will be the method of choice. And, most importantly, the Task Force Report **CREATING CHOICES** delineates a plan, an **ACTION** plan which will, it is so strongly hoped, radically alter the face of corrections for federally sentenced women.

The proposed Task Force plan entitled "A Vision for Change" takes advantage of two facts about federally sentenced women; that they are so few in number (at present, approximately 240 women in prison as compared to 12,500 men) and that for the most part they do not pose a threat to society. "A Vision for Change" is also women-centered and, in the case of the residence and programs for Aboriginal people, Aboriginal-centered. It is not simply an adjunct supplementing the larger justice system but a plan designed for and by women of all races and cultures. "A Vision for Change" is also holistic. It should be considered **ONE** recommendation, whose parts will not function unless all parts are implemented.

"A Vision for Change" has three major components; Regional Women's Facilities; the Aboriginal Healing Lodge; and the Community Release Strategy. Each is briefly outlined below.

1. THE REGIONAL WOMEN'S FACILITIES.

There will be Regional Women's Facilities operated by Correctional Service of Canada with the cooperation of the community.

DESIGN: The environment of each Regional Facility will promote wellness by utilizing such design features as natural light, fresh air, colour, space, privacy and access to land. There will be a central core for administration, staff and prisoner's organizations as well as flexible program space for recreational, social, religious and spiritual group activities. The living area will consist of several

cottages designed for six to ten women, all with separate bedrooms. Each cottage will contain a communal living space, a quiet room for study and relaxation, a kitchen, bathrooms, a utility room, a staff office and a yard with a play area for visiting children. Some cottages will have a designated use, dictated by need. For example, designated cottages may house a group of women actively working through addictions; Aboriginal women who have chosen not to go to the Healing Lodge but who wish to live according to their traditions and spirituality; or, women nearing the end of their sentence who would benefit from a more independent life-style before making the transition to a community residence. A visiting cottage will also be available for any woman who wants to spend time with visitors identified as valuable and positive family and friends.

STAFF: Staff at the Regional Women's Facilities must be sensitive to the many issues facing federally sentenced women and will undergo mandatory training in a number of areas. Counselling, communication and negotiating skills will be taught as will issues of sexism, power, class, sexual orientation, and Aboriginal spirituality and traditions. The primary function of staff members will not be to guard but rather to provide positive interaction and role-modelling, encouraging prisoners to develop self-esteem and self-reliance.

PERSONAL PLANS: In cooperation with an assigned primary Support Worker and a Community Worker, each prisoner will be encouraged to actively participate in the development of a personal plan. The team of three will work through each woman's needs to see how they can best be met with available resources. The goal of the plan will be for each prisoner to develop the skills and strengths needed to make the transition to a community residence at the earliest possible date, and in turn, make the transition to independent living.

PROGRAMS: Aside from an in-house Support Worker who will be available for 24 hours crisis counselling, programs wherever possible will be provided by community organizations or provincial authorities. All levels of education as well as basic literacy training will be accessible to all prisoners. For recreation and leisure, there will be workshops, computer rooms, craft rooms, libraries and exercise facilities. To guarantee challenging and marketable skills development, a business will be developed within each Regional Women's Facility offering employment training in the areas of marketing, business management, clerical work and administration. Individual and group counselling will be available according to demand. It is projected that needs for group counselling will arise in the areas of incest survival, family violence, stress reduction and relaxation. Each Facility will also



FAMILY

provide Aboriginal programs including unrestricted access by Elders, indoor or outdoor space for ceremonies and gatherings and dedicated space for a sweat lodge. There will be some Aboriginal staff and all staff will be sensitive to the spirituality and culture of Aboriginal peoples.

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH CARE: All mental and physical health care will meet community standards for confidentiality and quality of service. Services, including hospitalization and care for self-inflicted injuries, will be provided in the community save for exceptional circumstances. At no time will a medical condition give rise to punishment. A full range of mental health professionals (psychologists, psychiatrists, alternatively trained counsellors and healers) will be available.

MOTHERS AND CHILDREN: Considering the complexity surrounding the decision of whether a child should be with her incarcerated mother, each case will be considered on an individual basis. To ensure that this option is available, each Regional Facility must have the capability to house children.

In the case of foster care, specialized foster homes will be developed close to each Facility to permit frequent visitation. In the case of mother-child separation, CSC will provide the necessary funds to enable children to visit their incarcerated mothers. Special parenting programs will also be available.

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT: CSC will encourage and fund the active participation of volunteers in each Regional Facility.

2. THE ABORIGINAL HEALING LODGE

The concept of the Aboriginal Healing Lodge was developed by the Aboriginal members of the Task Force, who will, in conjunction with the larger Aboriginal community, finalize details at a later date. To facilitate the continued input of Aboriginal women's expertise

in the process of the Lodge's development and implementation, an Advisory Council to CSC will also be formed.

THE CONCEPT:

LOCATION AND OCCUPANTS: The Lodge will be built in a yet to be determined Prairie location. All federally sentenced Aboriginal women will have the opportunity to choose to serve all, part or none of their sentence in the Healing Lodge.

PHILOSOPHY: The Lodge will be premised on the following six principles which will promote: A safe place for Aboriginal women prisoners; a caring attitude towards self, family and community; a belief in individualized client-specific planning; an understanding of the transitory aspects of Aboriginal life; an appreciation of the healing role of children who are closer to the spirit world; and pride in surviving difficult backgrounds and personal experiences. (CREATING CHOICES, P. 141)

DESIGN: The Lodge will be circular in structure and located within a natural healing environment. There will be a round meeting room for ceremonies, teachings, workshops with Elders etc... An apartment will be available on a rotational basis for Elders, teachers and healers involved in Lodge activities. On-site daycare will enable mothers to be with their children. Prisoners may choose to live communally, in family units or close to the land.

ELDERS: The participation of Elders will be critical to the Lodge's success. At least one Elder will be on location full time. Elders will participate on a rotational basis to accommodate the needs of women from different nations, the four directions, and to provide a variety of spiritual expertise.

PROGRAM: The philosophy of the program will be holistic, its focus, to address the needs of federally sentenced

Aboriginal women. It is projected that these needs will include working through the issues associated with health, sexual, physical and emotional abuse, relationships and addictions. An outreach program will be implemented to facilitate the transition to "walking in the new forest" (the city). This will include upgrading education, vocational training, employment counselling and teaching life skills. The Lodge program will be linked to the larger Aboriginal community.

ADMINISTRATION: The Lodge will be administered to the highest degree possible in a non-hierarchical fashion. The Lodge Coordinator will be responsible to CSC and to the Aboriginal community and Elders. Their relationship will be one of sharing and learning from one another's expertise.

STAFF: Staff will be Aboriginal with the exception of the occasional support worker contracted to share specific skills and expertise. Staff recruitment will heavily emphasize life experience and the ability to provide positive role models.

3. THE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

COMMUNITY SUPPORT TEAMS AND PERSONAL RELEASE PLANS: Throughout each prisoner's sentence, her aforementioned personal plan will continually be reviewed and adjusted as necessary. As her release date approaches, community resources will be lined up in a detailed release plan and she will be assigned a Community Support Team. This team will be comprised of the prisoner, the Community Worker, a Release Worker, an advocate from a community group and ancillary support (Elders, psychiatrists etc...). While the Release Worker will be responsible for supervision as mandated by the law, the Community Release Team as a whole will pro-actively ensure that the woman is provided with the services required as specified in her personal release plan.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCILS:

Each Regional Women's Facility will form a Regional Advisory Council, which will include representatives of the community including Aboriginal groups. Councils will be charged with advising CSC on programs and services in their community and Regional Women's Facility, monitoring the continuity of programs between the two, identifying gaps in services, and making recommendations for improved programming.

COMMUNITY RELEASE CENTERS: Community Release Centers will vary in structure and according to need. An inexhaustive list of possible Centers includes traditional half-way houses, Aboriginal centers, satellite units, home placements, addiction treatment centers, multi-use women's centers and mother-children centers. Each will offer a wide variety of programs and services in a culturally sensitive environment which encourages growth and the development of self-esteem and self-empowerment. While at Community Release Centers, the women will continue to work on their personal plans.

Such is the plan laid out by the Task Force on Federally Sentenced Women. It is realistic. It is detailed. It is possible. The challenge now is dedicated, thorough and cooperative implementation. The challenge now is not to fail federally sentenced women...again.



GIVE US A BREAK !



Just Another Year

twenty-six hundred and 10

We live for ourselves alone
And piss on the royal buck
For sex-and drugs and rock-in-roll
Ain't no more but good luck
We live in hopes of getting high
And high to our highest high
Our heads are filled with bullshit
thoughts
And grey has filled the sky
When the sky returns to blue
And reality comes to life
We are the chosen few
Who's door death knocks on twice
We will die slow deaths one by one
Jim Jones he did it right
We'll close our eyes
And hope for the best
And die without a fight
We all get high and live a lie
That we're a king or queen for a day
But when the dawn has come and gone
It carries our dreams away
We're cast aside and misfits of love
And toyed with at our best
We are the children not now but then
The century's twenty - six hundred
and 10
We're buried deep down
in the shadows of life
But not forgotten in any way
For sex and drugs and rock-in-roll
Will be with us forever to stay

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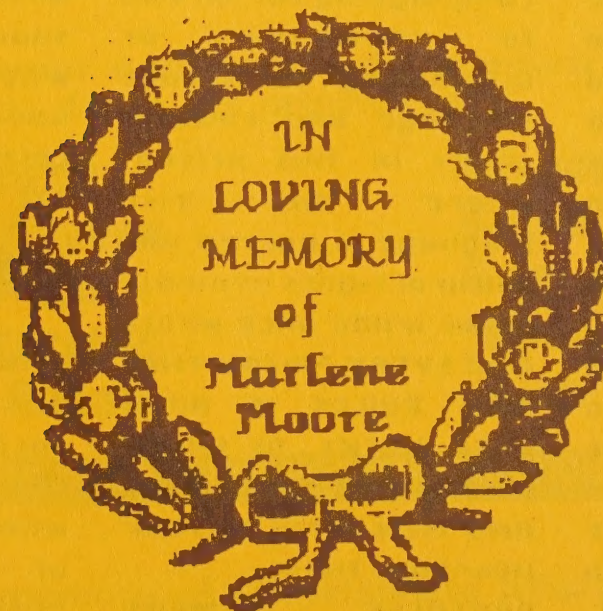
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for the benefit of

ALL SISTERS here at P4W

we the PRISONERS' COMMITTEE gratefully acknowledge receipt
extending

heart-felt thanks



IRELAND

A VIEWPOINT ON PRISONERS' JUSTICE DAY

A friend in your prison, Coleen Millward, has asked me to write some thoughts for Prison Justice Day August 10th. At First I Found myself starting to write about my own experiences of prison. I've been in prison now for 13 years and am a life prisoner. I'm also a political prisoner although the British government, responsible for locking me up, would deny that it has any political prisoners in its custody. They have people like me who have been sentenced by "special courts" for charges related to the liberation struggle in Ireland. Prisoners who have been forced to struggle and protest almost continuously in prison to obtain proper treatment. Prisoners whose political motivation more than anything allows us to bear the brunt of prison repression knowing why we must change a system which is designed to control, degrade and break us.

My news of prison justice, however doesn't stop at my own cell door. It isn't just a case of winning some concession to make my own existence more comfortable. I believe that prison justice has to be seen as extending even to areas which don't personally affect me and probably never will. Issues such as the strip searching of female prisoners. The repatriation of Irish prisoners from foreign goals and an end to physical or mental brutality against prisoners is as important to me as campaigning for an end to censorship or attempting to secure language and cultural rights in this prison, where the Irish language is barred and cultural rights denied. Oscar Wilde once wrote that EVERY PRISON THAT MAN BUILDS IS BUILT WITH BRICKS OF SHAME LEST CHRIST SHOULD SEE AND MEN WOULD KNOW HOW MEN THEIR BROTHERS MAIM. Prisons are a shameful

place. Those who design them must obviously hope never to have to spend time in them. But it isn't only the physical structure of prisons almost unlimited loss of liberty and then the attitudes of those who invent impossible rules, petty decisions, regulations and as circular chain of responsibility, so that the prisoner is referred round and round with no one willing to make a decision. It is the attitude of those who believe that prison is a licenced sadism session, who are unable or unwilling to show compassion but who shout the loudest about the "TERRORIST, CRIMINALS, BAD GUYS ETC".



Prison is the end result of the failure of society. Yes its true, there may be those who in the most equal of societies would break the social code. (I imagine that would)

include the rich who would lose their prestigious inequality). And perhaps some people in prison are clearly not part of the society. (For example political prisoners trying to change society). But most people in prison are there because society has faults like poverty, like discrimination, like historic and now legitimized robbery of one class or group (native Americans for example). Is it such an

impossible task then for society to make its prisons humane, has PRISON JUSTICE always to be fought for, struggled for, grabbed from unwilling hands. If so then prisons will continue to be built with bricks of shame because there will always be those in prison, I am glad to predict, who will be willing to challenge and demand justice by simply keeping their dignity and to keep one's dignity in prison is the only justice

fighting for. Prison Justice Day. I don't know how many prisoners there are in the world. I certainly wouldn't align myself with all of them, but to those, the famous and the not so famous, the remembered and the forgotten, the struggling and the secure, and all prisoners who have right on their side, I send greetings and regards, and a reminder of the words once given by Nelson Mandela

HAVE HOPE BROTHERS AND SISTERS, DESPAIR IS FOR THE DEFEATED

Eoghan MacCormiac
LONG KESH, IRELAND

Prisoners Justice Day August 10th, 1990

This is to honour and respect the memory of ten men who fasted to their death for prison rights.

Bobby Sands
Frank Hughes
Patsy O'Hara
Ray McCreesh
Joe McDonald

Kieran Doherty
Kevin Lynch
Tom McElwee
Martin Hurson
Mick Devine

LOVE AND RESPECT IN SOLIDARITY

Also in memory of all prisoners who took their lives
across Canada



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

MANY IN CANADA ARE NOT AWARE OF THE DISPARITY OF TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

The disparity results from the split in jurisdictions with regard to Federal or Provincial jurisdictions. The British North America Act mandates that the person receiving a sentence of two years less a day, be incarcerated in a prison or reformatory, etc; those being under provincial jurisdiction. The more "serious" criminals who receive sentences of two or more are sentenced to imprisonment in federal penitentiaries.

The fact that most federally incarcerated men and women have been previously incarcerated in provincial jurisdictions should illustrate that the methods used in provincially administered jails, prisons, and reformatories are not conducive to rehabilitation. The fact that ongoing brutally and extreme custodial conditions face anyone sentenced to two years less a day, has many convicted persons asking for more time, in order to serve it in federal custody.

The current provincial-federal exchange agreements do not ensure equivalent treatment to federal prisoners incarcerated in provincial facilities. In fact, any federally sentenced prisoner must sign away his or her federal rights in order to serve their time in the provincial facility. The only reason prisoners do this is to be closer to their family and community.

The split in power only adds to the increase in expense to the Canadian taxpayer. The most recent opening of the new \$45 million dollar Fraser Valley Correctional Centre for 254 men in B.C., sentenced to two years less a day is indicative of the provincial dinosaurs who plan the prisons of the future at great monetary and social cost to their taxpayers. Why should prisoners serving shorter sentences (those committing less serious crimes), be subjected to harsher conditions.

Closed maximum security custody to young men and women only adds to their rage and their desire for revenge. The only problem is that the revenge is never vented against their keepers, rather it is vented against the innocent public or their own families. And so the cycle continues.

I call upon all Members of Parliament to begin debate on this most urgent topic.

HOW CAN MEN AND WOMEN ABUSING MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN TEACH THEM THAT

ABUSING MEN AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN IS WRONG

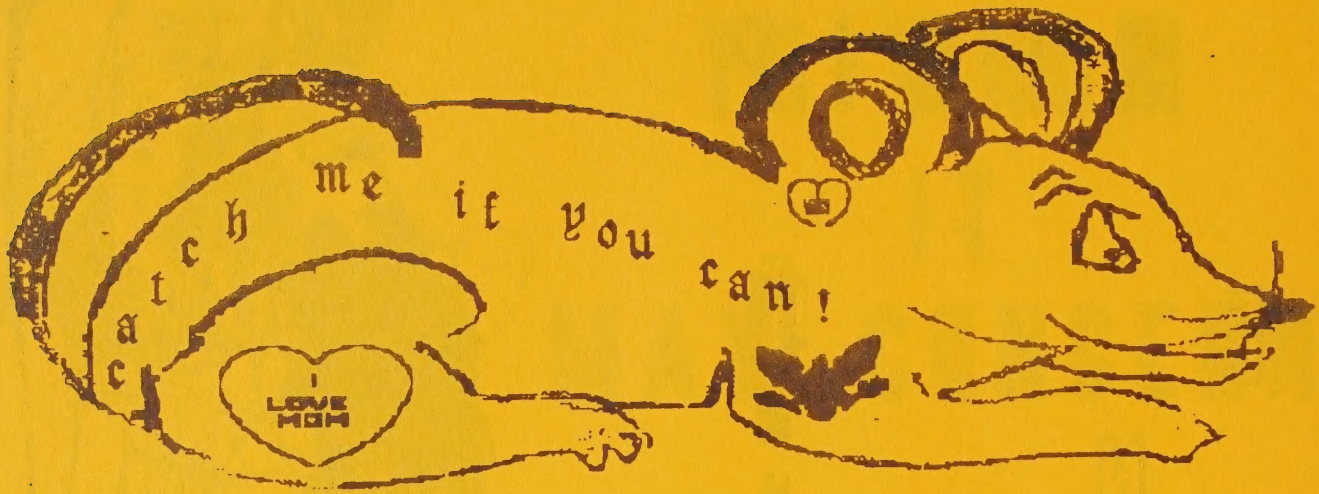
Gayle K. Horii - Matsqui Penitentiary, B. C.

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In memory of my friend, Stuart McLeod who died in Vancouver Remand Centre on July 13, 1990. When will justice be served (?)

Gayle K. Horii
Matsqui Penitentiary



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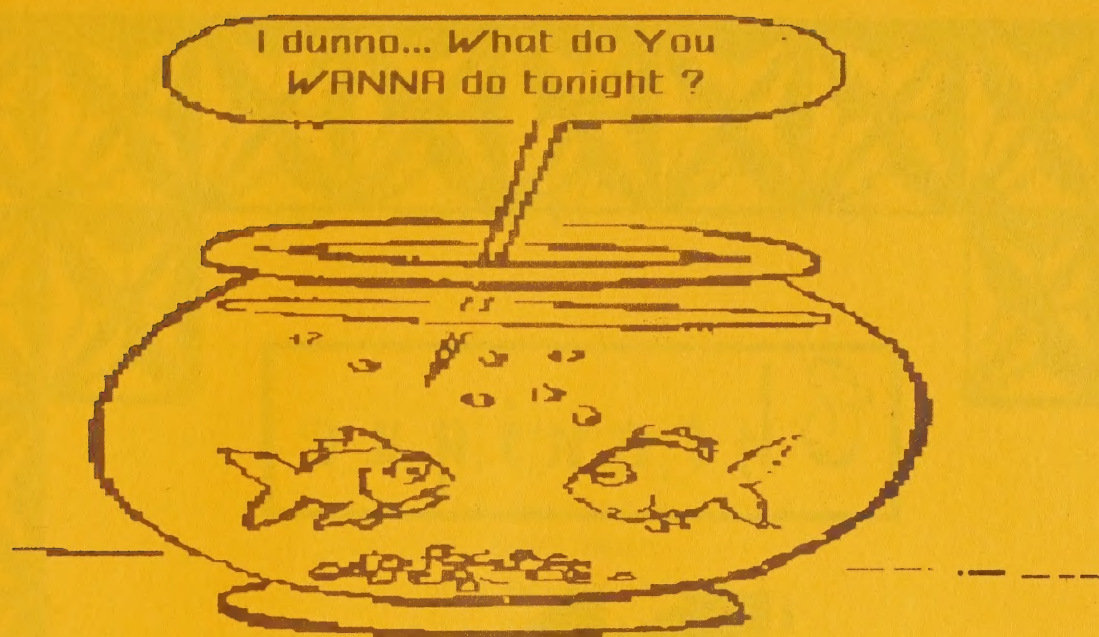
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the quiet

silence comes at night
with my thoughts I fight
why am I in this plight?
is it because something has come to my sight
a presence is singing sweet, calm and light
must it finally be some right
knocking softly tonight
telling me everything will be all right



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First Thing

I dread to wake up in my dorm
no racing pages to check the form
no cuppa from me fella
no chance of a can of "Stella"
no making love or a kiss an endle
just empty sheets laying in a muddle
not to have a shower or a bath
a fucking sink, that's a laugh
the door is open and "breakfast" is shouted
the eating of eggs I have since doubted
sugarless tea and a bit of bread
Think I'll stay in fucking bed

Holloway Prison, England

Хроника



Трансформация

Minuit Bleu

Il est minuit
Il fait nuit
Il fait noir
Très noir
Mais heureusement
Il y a les étoiles
Nombreuses
Qui piquent le ciel
Et qui scintillent
Comme des palettes d'or
Sur la robe du firmament
S'il n'y avait pas d'étoiles
Que la nuit serait triste
S'il n'y avait pas de nuit
On ne verrait pas les étoiles

Il fait parfois nuit
Dans ma vie
Problèmes, Deceptions, Echecs
Qu'il y ait toujours des étoiles
Pour éclairer mes nuits
Amities, Joies, Reconnaissance

La vie c'est quelque chose de merveilleux
Mais la vie, ça tient à un petit bout de fil
C'est parfois si simple de le couper
Et si tentant de le faire
Il faut savoir accepter, la vie
Et accepter les autres
Et les autres m'accepter
Il est minuit.....trente - Bonne nuit !

Agathe Brochu



Un Jour Quelconque.....

Veuellirons-nous ensemble au pas de la porte
Tetes couvertes de branches blanches et de corbeaux oublies
Nos plaies confondues sous un soleil pale mains effilees
Momies d'un amour qui nous ressemble
Ton bras a mon bras mon epaule contre la tienne
Merveille alors de s'eveiller comme on ressuscite
Le matin n'a pas une ride sur la peau des draps
Viens sortons au grand jour
la rue n'a point d'age, pas encore
Tu ne dis rien pres de tes levres le soufle se fait rare
J'ecoute pour la millieme fois le commencement du monde
Le temps se deplie s'explique en espace
Est-ce l'hiver est-ce l'ete nous ne savons plus
Entre nous l'instant tombe
Des moineaux fusent de rire les journeaux crient a tue-tete
Tremblerons-nous ensemble au bout du trottoir
Transis de nous voir enfin ombres illuminees

Comme cette arbre le temps n'est qu'un passage

francee ...

Prison Tanguay Quebec

Le temps se déchire

Parfois
Parfois seulement
Une déchirure d'espace a la montagne
Revele la ville
Celle que n'habitent ni hommes ni betes
Ni lueurs a la vitre des yeux
L'espoir ayant coule avec le temps
Et la souffrance de partir
Sans retour et la mort de mourir
Car le pire pour l'amitie du monde
Pays d'ailleurs ou parterres d'ici
Le pire avec la parole aux levres accrochee
Est ce temps qui ne passe pas tout a fait

Alors chaque blessure a l'etoffe d'horizon
Chaque déchirure a la peau qui perdure
Parfois
Parfois seulement
Ouvrent a plaisir le present
La montagne descend vers la ville
Acoucher d'un sourire

soummit par

Danielle Redmond

Nous attendons
votre inscription
maintenant

Merci de votre encouragement



S K I N

F In the system percentages throughout the past federally or provincially have proven time and time again totally ineffective, therefore presenting NO deterrent to the smuggling in of contra-band.

WHY THEREFORE IS IT STILL IN PLAY ?

R The insidious procedure utterly destroys one's inner self respect and dignity as a human being. In many instances conjures up horrifying memories which are best dealt with through counselling.

I There is NO EXCUSE why we are subjected to this POTENTIALLY, DAMAGING procedure when in effect - it serves absolutely NO benefit to those excuting this most DEGRADING and UN-ACCEPTABLE ACT

S This DEPLORABLE measure is simply a means of :-

I NTIMIDATION - POWER CONTROL

K There is no bearing on the fact this particular HORRENDOUS procedure has always been in effect within the system - we are in THE HERE AND NOW to better conditions for all concerned - re our new MISSION DOCUMENT'S sole purpose.

ARE WE SERIOUS ABOUT THE MISSION DOCUMENT ?

S YES - we are PRISONERS under your CONTROL - however we are HUMAN BEINGS FIRST !

Let us HOLD onto our DIGNITY as HUMAN BEINGS - or is that in the final anaylsis - simply too much to ask?

EMOTIONAL RAPE

Christina Dawn (corkie) Boyland

PRISONERS AND AIDS

The bureaucrats who run prisons and mental hospitals are responsible for the health care of those unfortunate enough to be under their control. One of today's most difficult health-care challenges, for society as a whole, is the care and treatment of people infected with HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), the virus associated with AIDS. Information about, and access to, treatment for people living with AIDS (PLWAs) is very unevenly distributed.

Needless to say, PLWAs in prison both federal and provincial and mental hospitals, are among those most deprived of information about, and access to, promising new drugs to treat AIDS and related conditions. Lack of information about AIDS makes staff hostile to institutionalized PLWAs, and homophobia also contributes to the oppression of these prisoners. To date the majority of cases in Canada are among gay and bisexual men, with interavenous drug use coming in a close second.

For more information, contact the PRISONERS SUPPORT NETWORK BOX 6705, STATION "A", TORONTO, (ONTARIO), M5W 1X5.

EXCERPT FROM PHOENIX RISING - MAY 1989, VOL. 8, No.2

A lot of drug addicts think AIDS is their punishment for being an addict..... BULLSHIT!!!!

I LOVE myself exactly the way I am. I ACCEPT my addicted self.

I ACCEPT my AIDS self. I ACCEPT my guilt self.

I forgive myself

shared lovingly

patrice o'donnell - 1990 - p4w



SISTERHOOD SPEAKS OUT

STILL I RISE

DEDICATED TO BOETAGE COLLECTIONAL INSTITUTION

You may write me down in history
with your bitter, twisted lies
You may trod me in the very dirt
but still like dust I rise

Does my sassiness upset you ?
Why are you beset with gloom
Cause I walk like I've got oil
wells pumping in my backyard
Just like moons and like suns,
with the certainty of tides
Just like hopes springing high,
still I rise

Did you want to see me broken ?

Bowed head and lowered eyes ?
Shoulders falling down like tear
drops

Weakened by my soulfull cries
Does my haughtiness offend you ?
Don't take it aw fully hard
Cause I laugh like I got gold
mines

digging in my own back yard
You may shoot me with your

words

you may cut me with your eyes

You may kill me with your
hatefulness,

but still like air I'll rise

Does my sexiness upset you ?

Does it come as a surprise ?

That I dance like I've got
diamonds

At the meeting of my thighs

Out of the hut of history's shame

I rise

I'm a black ocean leaping and
wide

Welling and swelling I bare in
the tide

Leaving behind nights of terror

and fear I rise

Into a daybreak that's

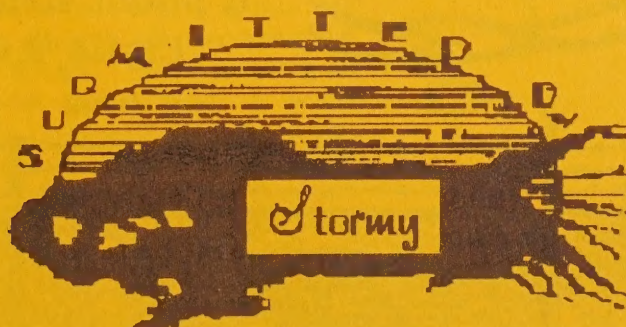
wonderously clear, I rise

Bringing the gifts that my
anscestors gave

I am a dream and the hope of the
slave

You'll never break me now

I RISE. I RISE. I RISE !

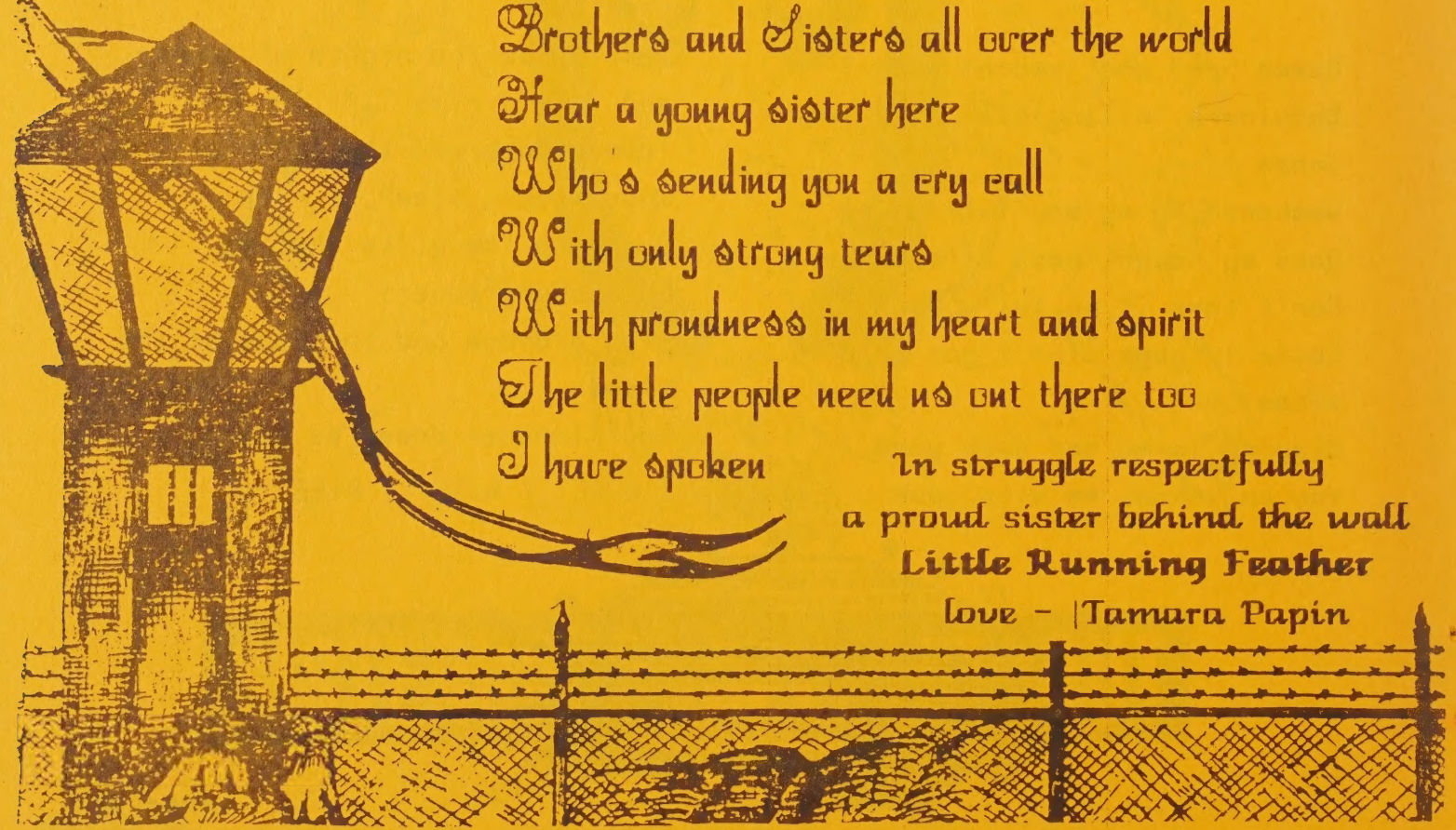




Mohawk Stand Off

I can feel the struggling out there in society
My heart and spirit feel so helpless
Cuz' our people are fighting with proudness
Within their red hearts for our land
And I open my eyes and heart
For the first time in my life
To realize our brothers and sisters
Need us too out there
To keep our nation strong as Native people
And to all come together as one
Brothers and Sisters all over the world
Hear a young sister here
Who's sending you a cry call
With only strong tears
With proudness in my heart and spirit
The little people need us out there too
I have spoken

In struggle respectfully
a proud sister behind the wall
Little Running Feather
love - |Tamara Papin



NOEL KNOCKWOOD SPEAKS!

We, as Traditional Indians, also believe as the Bible states; That Jesus developed His Full Psychic Facilities and was a supreme master of spiritual and natural law. Moreover, he was in close touch with the Spirit world and he demonstrated his survival after his death. His teachings of love, Compassion, and Understanding natural law is the best basis of "Native Spiritualism".

These words were sent to us by Noel Knockwood, B.A., Micmac Spiritual Medicine Man and member of the Micmac Grand Council, as part of a Native Spirituality Information Kit For Corrections Canada, 1989 and I thought that we could all benefit from the knowledge within that passage. We all believe in a Higher Power, whatever we perceive it to be. We are all the same and all have the same gifts of healing and foresight. It is sad that we as a nation have lost the most vital part of our make-up as Human Beings, that of being one with Nature and being in Harmony with the planet that allows us our existence.

May I offer some more of the wisdom of our brothers and sisters who belong to the Micmac Nation of which I am very proud to be apart of. My roots began on the west coast of Newfoundland where I was raised in part by my Micmac mother and Irish Father. I was very pleased to receive some of the teachings of the Elders and I would like to share some more of the material with you. It reads: "God is a Spirit according to our ancient teachings. Everything in the Universe is in accordance with natural law.: The Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the Motherhood of Creation are all part of that natural justice, the laws of nature, and the laws of our Creator are man's un-written laws. "Disobey the natural laws and you will surely

perish", Pat Paul, Malecite. Everything in the Universe, whether it be animate or inanimate, has a Spirit. We exist because our spirit is a spark of Divinity within us. This is the divine relationship in which the Great Spirit is our Heavenly Father and we are His Children. "Words to live by because if we can't live with nature we will surely perish. its a simple fact of Life and Death. My philosophy has always been" There are only two certainties in my world, that I was born and that I will die. Everything else inbetween is a value lesson of which I take life's experiences of right or wrong, good or bad, God and Satan and apply them to my conscience in life so that I may take them with me to my dying. And in doing so add the wisdom of my existance to the Spirit world.

Thank you Noel for sharing the basic principles of the Mic Mac culture with us. I leave you with more of the words of our Spiritual medicine man himself, "Indian Philosophy begins with respect and honour. A philosophy that could save us all.

Therasa-ann



I will never forget the first time I was put in jail. I was waiting for my trial to come up and I was at The Metro West Detention Center. While I was there in early May I saw this movie called, - Turning To Stone - which depicted the women at the Prison For Women in Kingston, Ontario, as violent, drug crazed, lesbians who went around these long, dark tunnels and pressured the new "fish" into handing over their shampoo and conditioner for protection. The movie really shook me up and that week I began to buy all the shampoo and conditioner I was allowed to buy on canteen. This was my plan to go there with as much hair products as I could carry.

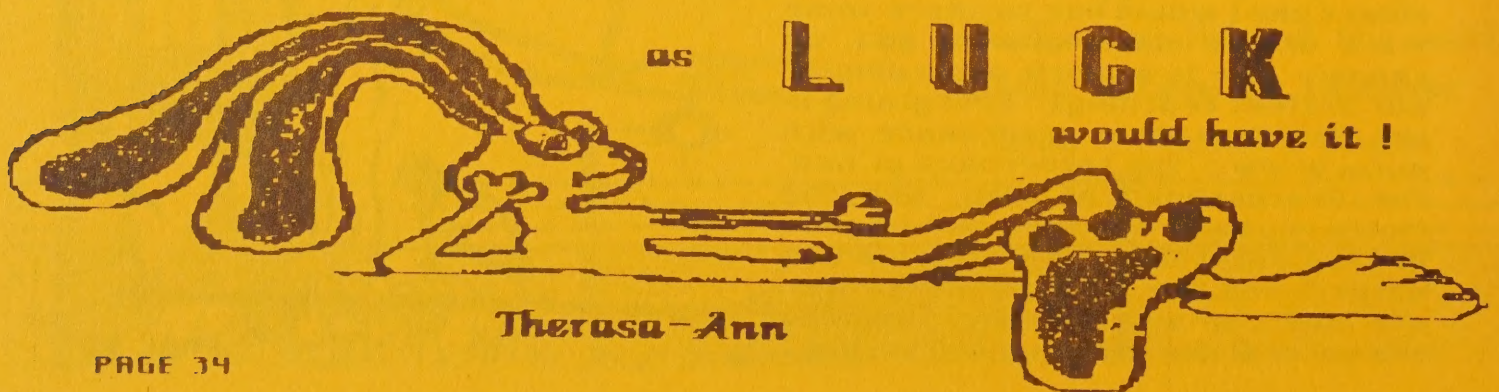
great game plan

Needless to say I was shipped about eight months later and I was terrified at what would await me when I got there. I was horrified at the thought that I would be living with such desperate women. The movie really scared me.

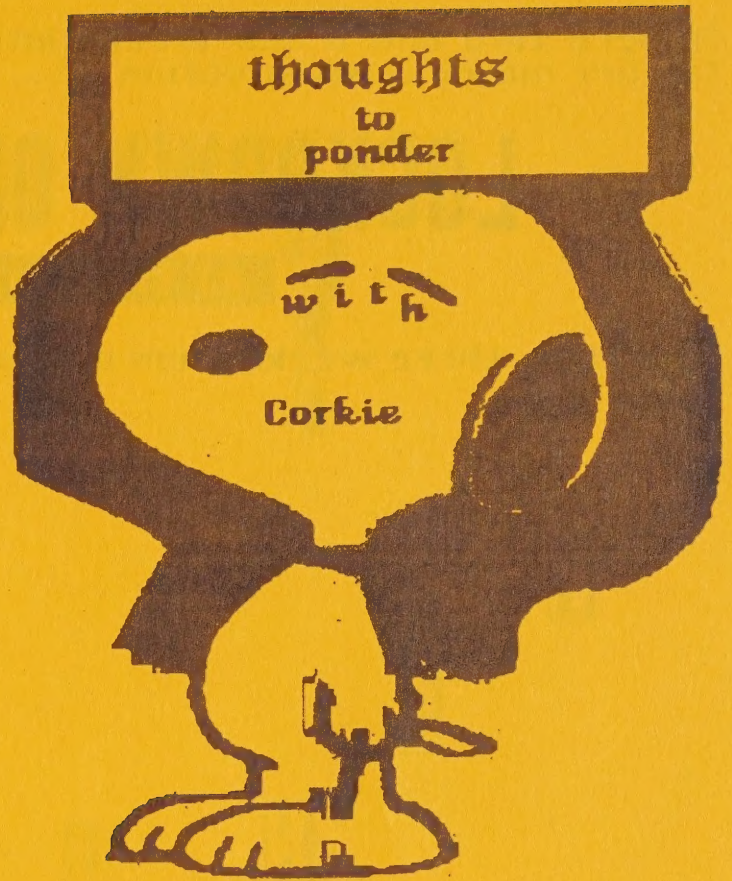
When I arrived at the prison I was taken to the A & D area and told to strip and bathe and get dressed. All I had was the clothes I was wearing and two garbage bags. When they were opened and the contents displayed the induction officer was puzzled.

"What on earth", she stated.

"I wash my hair alot", was my reply, for there in the bags were 40 bottles of shampoo and 40 bottles of conditioner. They have been looking at me strange ever since. But the truth of the matter is the movie was all a big fat lie. The tunnels were those at K.P. and I have met women who are mostly mothers, warm and friendly with histories of abuse. I guess that goes to show that you can't believe what you see on T.V. And to this day I am still trying to give this dam shampoo and conditioner away because the women were not violent, drug crazed lesbians as depicted on the dumb movie in the first place.



After recent negotiations with the top brass and the inmate/peer support team - myself being the representative of the so called dangerous area of the discussions, I feel completely disheartened



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Corkie Boyland

YET ANOTHER CASE IN POINT OF FACT

A mere two and a half weeks later P4W finds itself - yet in a further major crisis situation

LOCKDOWN ONCE AGAIN

IN PLAY AT P4W

Less than three weeks from a previous one

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christina dawn Corkie Boyland

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C O O P Y

so much for fair play and justice in the system !

C E N S O R E D

nor I hope will society

Christina Dawn Corkie Boyland



HATRED AND DESPAIR

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Locked up in cages-few of us care
 We have been dehumanized
 Condemned and ostracized by society
 Put behind bars and then forgot
 Ever so slowly our sanity dies
 And once in awhile our insane animalistic
 Instincts shine through
 When that happens you wonder why
 How could we do things; Insane things like that
 Society cant understand From inside looking out its easy to see
 After being treated like animals for so long
 Sometimes we forget
 We are people too
 Our emotions are hid to deep to be found and we can lose sight of then
 We become cold, unfeeling and we dont care
 Without warm emotions all we feel is hate
 A bittersweet Anger that is dispised by some and cherished by most
 We no longer care about ourselves our own thoughts emotions and needs
 So will someone out there please tell me
 How the FUCK can we care about yours ?

kim

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Adventure with Art

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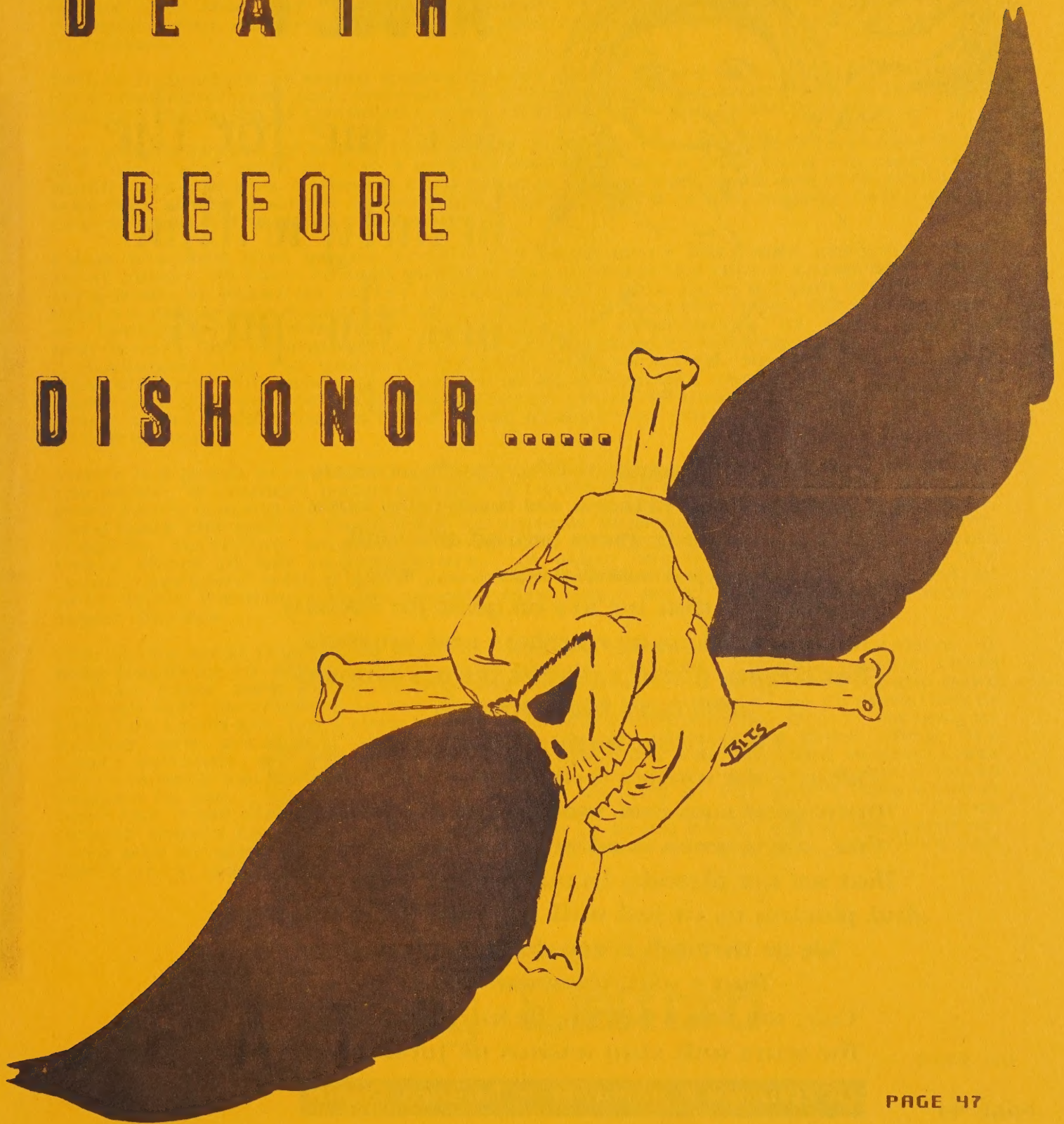
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Toni Brooker



DEATH
BEFORE
DISHONOR.....



A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ABUSE !



see me for the
beauty within
not the past
scars

So many struggles within each woman
Here in these prisons we have only hope
To hang onto from behind the wall
So much pain and anger..... why?
Society says that we are no good for society
So they label us as numbers and animals
But society doesn't realize we are women
Who have been through
A life filled with sexual abuse
What's the matter with people out there?
Open your eyes and most of all your hearts
Cuz, we women need people to understand
That we are already in our prisons within us
And placing us in jail will not help the suffering
We go through every day of our lives
That's why we wear masks
Cuz, we don't need to be hurt anymore
The scars will stay within us forever....

in struggle & survival - Tamara Papin

RETURN OF THE DEATH PENALTY ?

What do the future voters of Canada feel about murderers? My 20 year old nephew is a third year university student. As editor of the University newspaper and a future teacher, he is close to the "pulse of the younger generation". I told him that on a talk show recently, a young woman phoned in and said that she thought all murderers should be killed. I asked my nephew if this was indicative of the way most young people felt. He replied as follows:

This is indicative of many young people, sure. Hard to say if the majority hold that opinion or not, though it is entirely possible, especially considering that the majority of Canadians want to bring back the death penalty.

The young people of today CERTAINLY don't feel that murderers should have the "luxuries" such as T.V.'s and an exercise area that they receive, that much I can tell you. I think it only natural that people hate and fear someone who has taken another human life. Such hatred is not always justified of course, nor is it all that productive.

I was shocked that young people are even more hard and unfeeling than most adults. In fact, today's youth is so cold-hearted that if they can't kill us they want to make us suffer to the utmost--lock us in a small steel cell 24 hours a day without exercise or a T.V. to help pass the time. There is no hint of thought regarding the possibility or desirability of rehabilitating murderers and no allowance for the circumstances leading up to the crime. It is obvious that our youth do not care WHY we killed. Apparently a woman who kills her husband after years of beatings and abuse from him is the same as a cold blooded multiple murderer-rapist of young girls he didn't even know, and a paid assassin is the same as a person who lashed out in the heat of the moment.

There is a great arrogance and naivety here. It is obvious that our youth has the same, "It couldn't happen to ME" attitude that many adults have. Without even experiencing a small fraction of the worst that life can throw at them, they have the gall to think that no amount of brutality, abuse, mental strain, tragedy, suffering, alcohol or drug use, or life threatening situation could cause them to kill in the future. In other words, they think they are "super-persons" with a more powerful conscience and super human control over their emotions than anyone else has. Well, I too thought I was a super-person.....

This is the most frustrating aspect--nobody thinks it can happen to them--it only happens to other people--bad people. WRONG. If only people could realize their own vulnerability and limitations. If only they could have enough self-awareness to realize that given the right set of circumstances they too could kill, then they would have more empathy for lifers. As long as people are arrogant, ignorant and stupid enough to think they are super-persons, we will keep getting frightened and shocked middle class lifers in here exclaiming, "I never thought I could kill; I never thought it could happen to me." And the sad part is that as long as our youth (and adults) have the "I am stronger than thou," attitude, the cycle will continue. Young people should consider this; if they vote to bring back capital punishment, they will be giving lethal injections to many of their peers, relatives and loved ones, maybe even themselves.

Bonny Walford

A
Time
For
Us !

A thought long buried came by
To intrude, then to threaten
I could not tell you about this thought
I could not tell you
I was afraid
Fanie touched my mind
Yet, somehow I remained upright
"Us" held me
You in my heart soothed my mind
Your love is my reason
A would a trusting child
I spoke my thought long buried
To you
Fate released my mind
To your core
A time for us

unconditionally your sharp

Friends we are and friends we will be
We'll keep in touch forever you'll see
Our paths will cross
One summers noon
We'll dance and rejoice
Under the full bright moon
I will keep hoping to see you soon
Until then I'll reminisce about
The things we both miss
Now your leaving tomorrow
My heart aches with sorrow and another tomorrow
I will remember the sorrow
The day we say good by !

God bless you and always care
and
Watch over you !

good-by my friend



HATE GOOD-BYE'S

R A P E

The Piece That Doesn't Fit

Rape and physical abuse are old traditions. The game plan is rigid and the pieces move according to the same old patterns. But there is one piece that refuses to fit; the woman who fights back. The woman who fights back in the terror or rage against the man who is trying to rape her. The woman who fights back in terror or rage against the man who is trying to rape her. The woman who knows, usually from experience, that there is no help from the cops or the courts, who doesn't or can't hook up with a shelter, who has no friends who care enough to "get involved". The woman who finds herself one night in terror again, being attacked, again, by the man in her life, and this time the attack is so vicious and life threatening that she is forced to make a choice-- and she chooses to live. She fights back, defending her body and her life, and the man is injured, the man is often dead. And suddenly the whole world changes around her.

The state, reluctant in family matters to interfere in abuse, jumps in and prosecutes her. The un-responsive system that offered no help when needed - obliges by offering the wrong kind when she takes her life into her own hands. Once arrested and charged, self-defense will not help her - swept wide by the prosecutor or becoming "premeditation".

Female prisoners today, because of attempts for police involvement - were used as proof - they had reason to premeditate murder. Premeditated self - defense does not exist. If a woman used a gun for protection against a violent man, she is risking a premeditated murder charge if in fact she is forced to use it. If she has gone to the hospital for treatment after a bad beating, the hospital records, like the police records, may be used as evidence against her if she ends up in court on a murder charge. Her defence lawyer may also ignore the fact that she acted in self-defence; the traditional plea in defence of a woman who is charged with murder after defending herself or her children against physical or sexual attack has been "impaired mental state", meaning, usually, that she was "temporarily insane". Crimes of violence against women have always been put in a separate category, and it is difficult and often impossible to prove "reasonable" perceptions of danger.

by - Janet Howard

M U S T S T O P !

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FATHER : the judge will know its' all her fault

MOTHER : the judge will say "it's premediated" if I defend myself

CHILD : the man in the black robe makes me feel like it is okay for my dad to hurt my mom - but not okay for my mom to protect us.....

Threasa Ann Riddell

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Thanksgiving Day (Canada)
28 Daylight Savings--set back 1 hour
31 Halloween

November

6 Election Day
11 Veterans Day
22 Thanksgiving

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12 Hanukkah
22 Winter begins
25 Christmas

January

1 New Year's Day
21 Martin Luther King, Jr.

February

12 Lincoln's Birthday
14 Valentine's Day
18 President's Day
22 Washington's Birthday

March

17 St. Patrick's
31 Easter

April

1 April Fools Day
7 Daylight Savings--set ahead 1 hour

May

12 Mother's Day
18 Armed Forces Day
27 Memorial Day (Observed)

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16 Father's Day

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4 Independence Day

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2 Labor Day

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Here I am stuck in the middle of no where
All I can see is bars and fences, "Total Silence"
So you can hear yourself think
And feel your blood pump
You can just feel the loneliness
These old walls can tell you stories of people you
Never dreamed of meeting
Or ever sleeping in one of their cells
You hear of celebrities on T.V.
But you never hear of the people
That once sat in these places
Cause once you are in You're forgotten
Sure you're missed for awhile
But there's always someone there to replace you
So please DON'T FORGET or REPLACE me, Ok
Just love me the way that I love you

dedicated to - Robert James Muskego
Carol Courchene

A BOOK OF LETTERS BY WOMEN OF ETHNIC AND RACIAL MINORITIES

We Are Looking For The Living, Personal Accounts Of Women Who, Because Of Their Ethnicity Or Racial Origin, Believe it Important To Share Their Thoughts And Feeling.

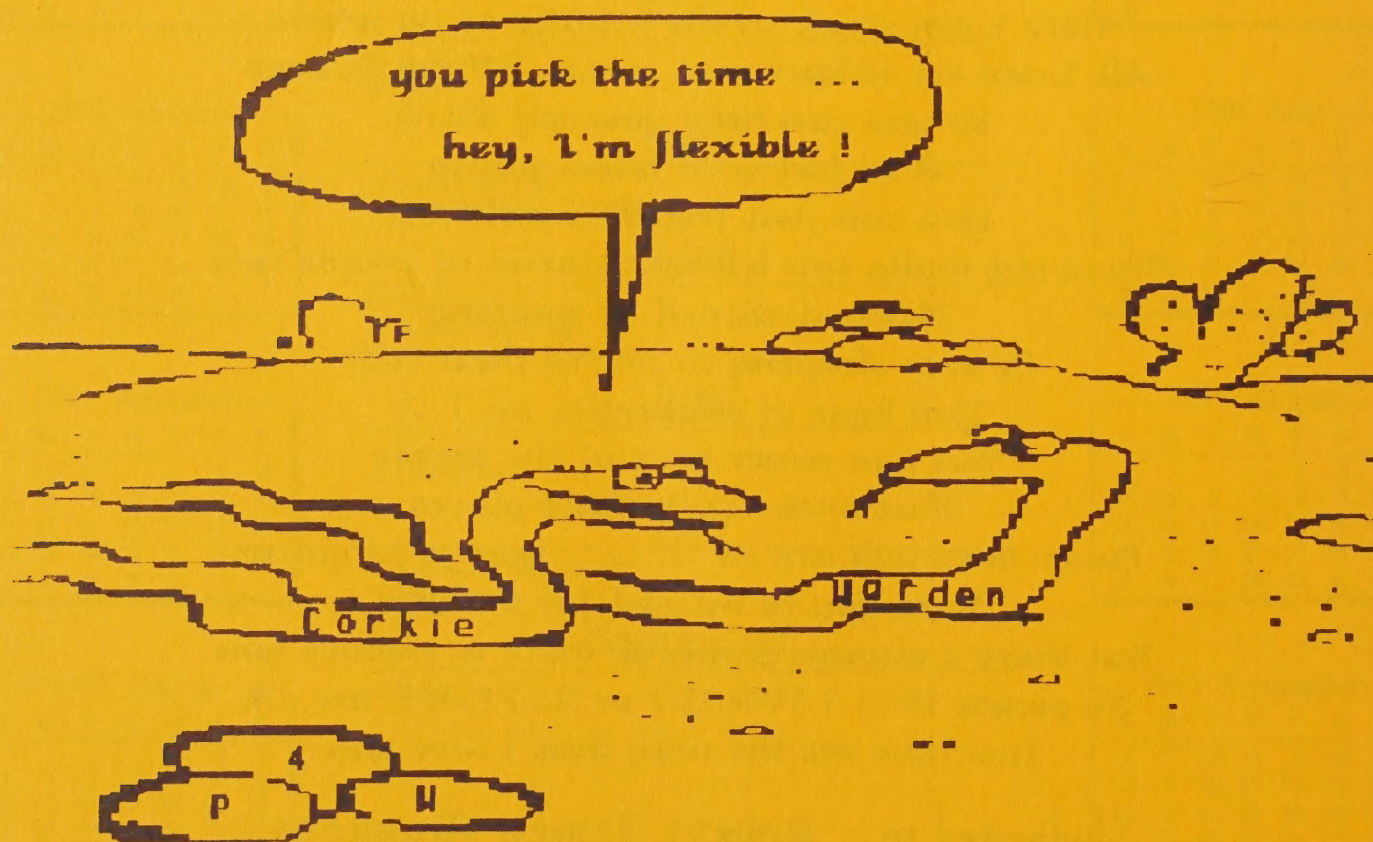
sharing our experience

We want to hear your description of the difficulties and pleasures of living and working in Canada. We would appreciate your ideas and experience with regard to racism, sexism and discrimination on the job and at home. Whether you were born inside or outside of Canada does not matter.

Please send your letters to:

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Canadian Advisory Council
on the status of women
Box 1541, Station "B"
Ontario, K1P 5R5**

or phone: (613)995-2492



PRISONER - VOTING

In 1867 Prisoners had no contact with the outside world. In 1970 The Bill of Rights gave Prisoners more contact with the outside world. In 1982 The Charter of Rights and Freedoms defined Prisoners as people with a social conscience. In 1988 The Charter was used to uphold the right to vote for Prisoners across Canada. I guess the party in power at that time saw this as a threat because they designed the Election Act to dispute prisons as a place of residence for Prisoners. Now in 1990 we have the right to vote in the Provincial election but here at The Prison For Women the chances to cast a vote are slim. Unlike our counter-parts we have not the option to stay in our home province to do our sentence. The Elections Act makes no compensation for the women who must travel, not by choice, to Ontario to do their time. Most of these women are going to do at least 15 years here in Ontario's only Federal prison. They will be cut off from contact with news in their home towns, and will be fed news from the Kingston and regions beyond.

The vote by proxy has disabled the women from voting not only due to the disparity of their home provinces but also due to relocation to the Ontario region because of Parole restrictions for women not to return to the area where they were arrested until expiry date, and also due to divorce and break down of family ties. Not all the women can give the name of a support person in Ont. thus this limits the number who can vote by proxy. It amazes me that the government can send a tax cheque to us Prisoners using the prison as an address for us in one instance but then turn around and say that this can't be our residence when it comes time to vote.

There is too much inconsistency in this method of allowing the prisoner to vote. You can't send a woman from another prov. to do a 25 year sentence at the prison P4W and not say that this isn't going to be her home for 15 years. The vote by proxy is unfeasible here. A more viable solution has to be reached. We have our right to vote - but not at P4W.

VOTING BY PROXY DISABLES

PRISONERS AT PRISON FOR WOMEN TO CAST VOTE

Theresa Ann Riddell

Faceless

Faceless together into the unknown feelings
are only expression
Kisses passionately swerved in our madness
Vigorously our bodies spoke
a language of understanding
Frenzy our only friend..... to entice
what we can't understand
The only sound..... sweet names
of desire to cool down
this uncontrolled raging fire
Whispering your name..... my only salvation
From fantasy to reality, as one we can't hide
No resistance for our souls climb
Faceless is what the two of us share
Being together once more could only be dream
Never to be interpreted to another's knowledge
Secrets of the faceless

dedicated - Rick - Joyceville - from Jennifer - P4W

we need your PAID subscription to survive !

We've got a good relationship
and I really think that
we will have a great one
It will take a little effort
on both our parts



I love you and I hope you'll always love me
With you is the place
that I want to always stay
being as good together
as we can possibly be

deepest love my husband

Sweetie

" TO WONDER "

At one time I used to wonder how good it
would feel

To confide in, to trust another
With my deepest thoughts and dreams
To take the time to listen to me
To be there if only for a smile or a hug
I also wondered what it would feel

like to lean on another
Without the fear of appearing weak
To actually admit to the weakness
Cry on their shoulder

Feeling secure in their arms
I no longer WONDER these feelings
Two very special women have been patient
enough to allow me to feel
The realness they've offered me



I love you with every inch of my heart - Bobbie & George
always - dawn

DEPRESSED

OUT OF PLACE

I am sitting here behind cold iron bars
Wondering what's going through my pain fulheart
It pounds like thunder
Lightening hitting my head
Raindrops hitting the floor
My nerves are flaking feeling like I am going to break
Lying in my bed day after day feeling lost
Can't put an end to my day dreams, nightmares
Sitting in a crowded room each and every day

Makes me want to stay away
Hearing jail talk
Whats your charge? How long is your stay?
Over and over is so dam boring
It makes me want to croke down to the floor
Stay away from the bad, leave it to the good
Watch your step, try to put things back into place
Our minds are full of magic.. we are pleased
Whatever we want in our hearts
Sounds of the gift of glory will help us
to find the right path home once again

dedicated to Joan Bone - by Lonely Hearted Yvonne Nills





child's play

Innocent and free
Playing in the muck
Reckless and willing
Blessed with abandon
Try everything once
To find out the score
Alien behavior
Considering the times
Accepting points of view

Like trusting souls
All is wonderful
And so darn carefree
Tears, smiles and laughter
Tender hugs galore
Uninhibited love
Who can ask for much more
God bless these children
Who bless us in return

I love you - (for all the children whose parents are in prison)

Dale Dunn - Frontenac Institution

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Please bring barbie home

A life that has un wanted fear
These fears are all unknown
Tonight these fears are much
too heavy
So baby, please come home
The fear had a grip on me
From eighty-five to eighty-nine
But then God sent you to me
To help keep these fears in line
You taught me how to be strong
When strength is what I needed
You listened to my heart cry
And healed it when it bled
Today it's nineteen ninety
These fears again have grown

I ask you Lord to hear my
prayer
Please, guide my sweetheart
home
For I love her and I miss her
She means the world to me
So bring my baby home, Dear
Lord
So my heart no longer bleeds
I need to show her how I feel
And help her as she helped me
For Lord I've gained strength
through her
Please, bring her home to me
I love you Barbie

Dedicated to Barbie Morton

from - Mike Fitzpatrick - Her Majesty's Penitentiary - Nfld

Yesterday and Today

Yesterday brings sorrow
Yet today promises happiness
Yesterday brings anger
Yet today promises peace
Yesterday brings hate
Yet today promises love
Yesterday bring turmoil
Yet today promises calmness
Yesterday brings loneliness
Yet today promises fulfillment
I don't live in yesterday
But try to live in today
Today's is all I've got

Yesterday is past and Tomorrow may never be mine

B. Auger - 12.5.89



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TIGHTWIRE is a quarterly publication with a paid subscription and circulates across Canada and regions beyond. Our magazine is produced and printed in its entirety here at Prison For Women in Kingston, the only Federal Institution for women in Canada and as been in existence for approximately ten years. Because of these factors making our publication "UNIQUE" we are extremely effective with our readership, thus lending importance and creditability to our publication.

We feature many interesting articles and will begin to display original artwork all initiating from prisoners within the system. Other articles which are featured at times are controversial and quite timely with respect to current affairs and at the same time provide a little humor for your enjoyment.

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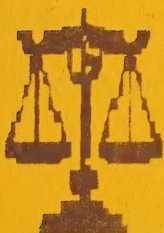
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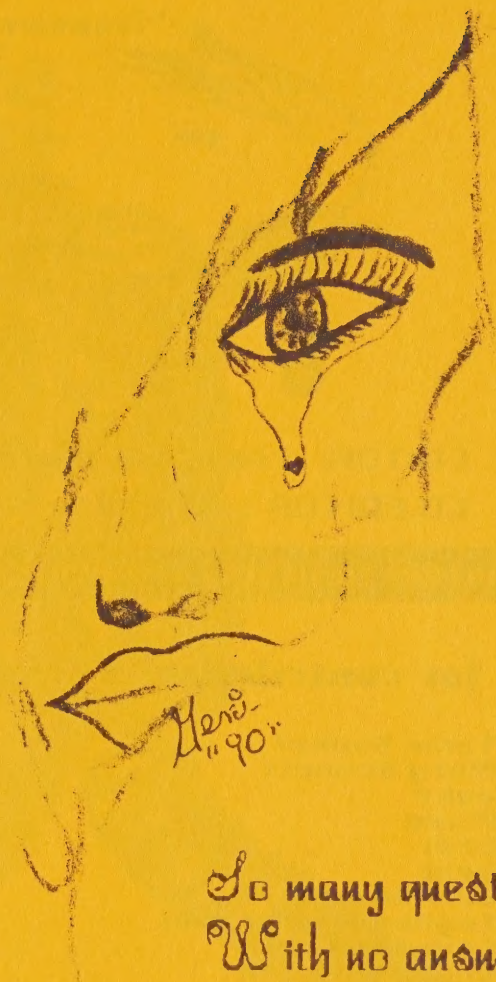


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Before I Harness You
To My Team

Bear

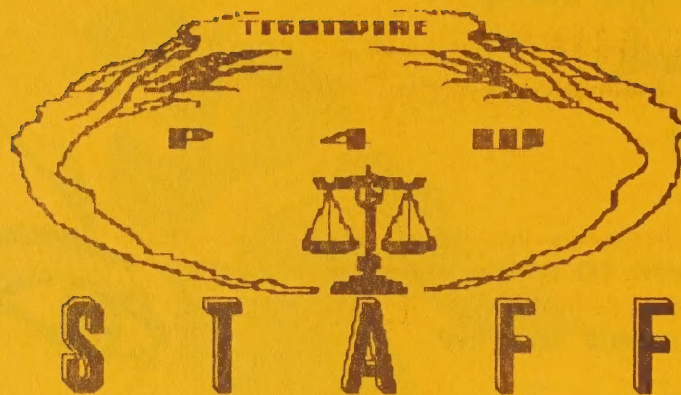
They don't tell you much
 So you lose touch
 You wanna cry
 You wanna die
 There's no where to hide
 You try and commit suicide
 What can you say
 When there's always
 A price to pay
 You try & hold back the
 tears
 But left with so many
 fears
 There's no where to go
 You feel so low
 You're trapped inside
 Left with no pride
 Will you ever
 Get a chance to talk
 Or someday walk
 Will you continue
 To scream out loud
 Or will you someday be
 proud



So many questions
 With no answers
 Or will we always be dozed
 Like little prancers
 Everything's a must
 With so little trust
 Can I scream or am I in
 A dream
 Is this just an illusion
 Or will we someday find a
 Solution?

christina Sargenta

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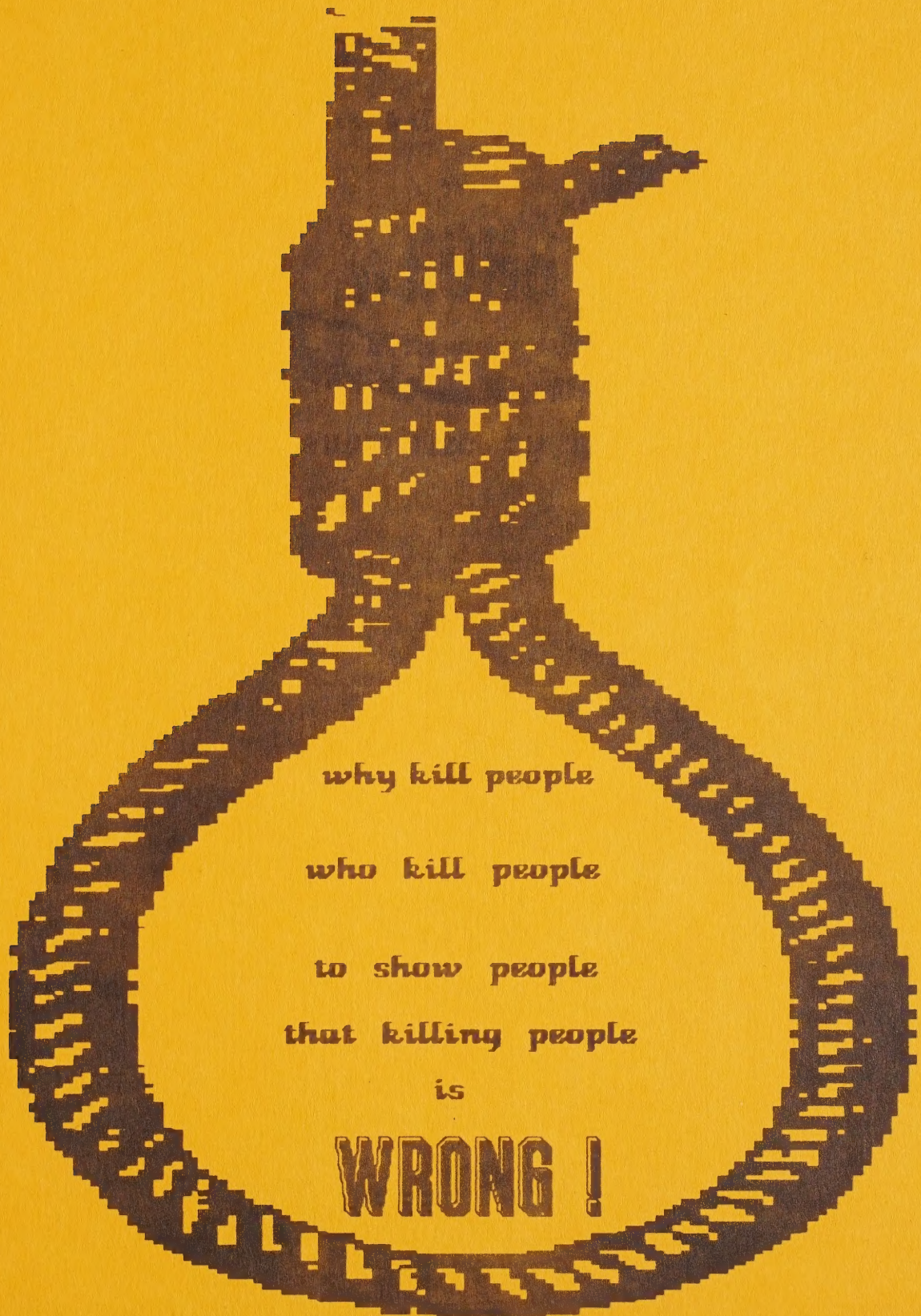
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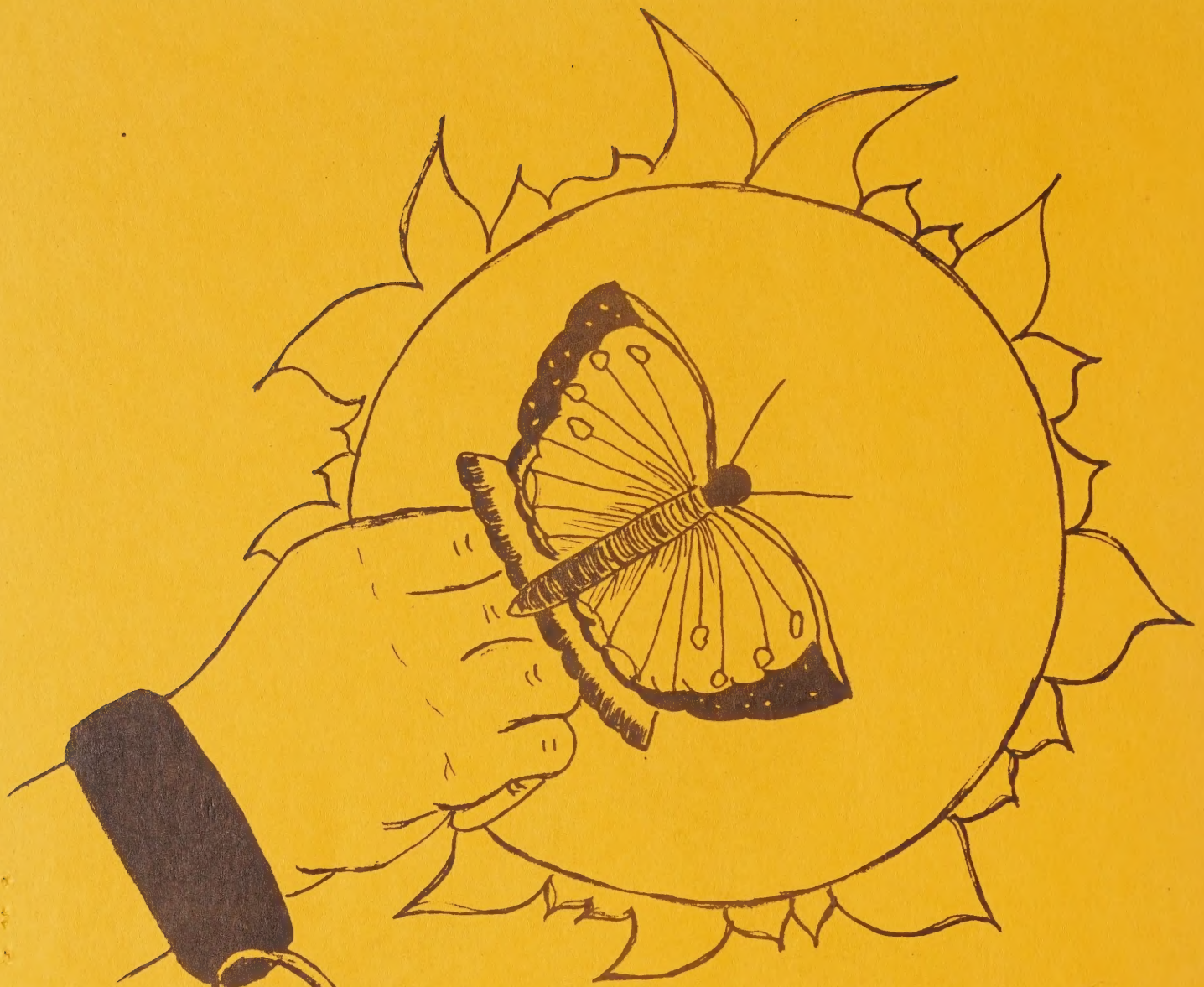
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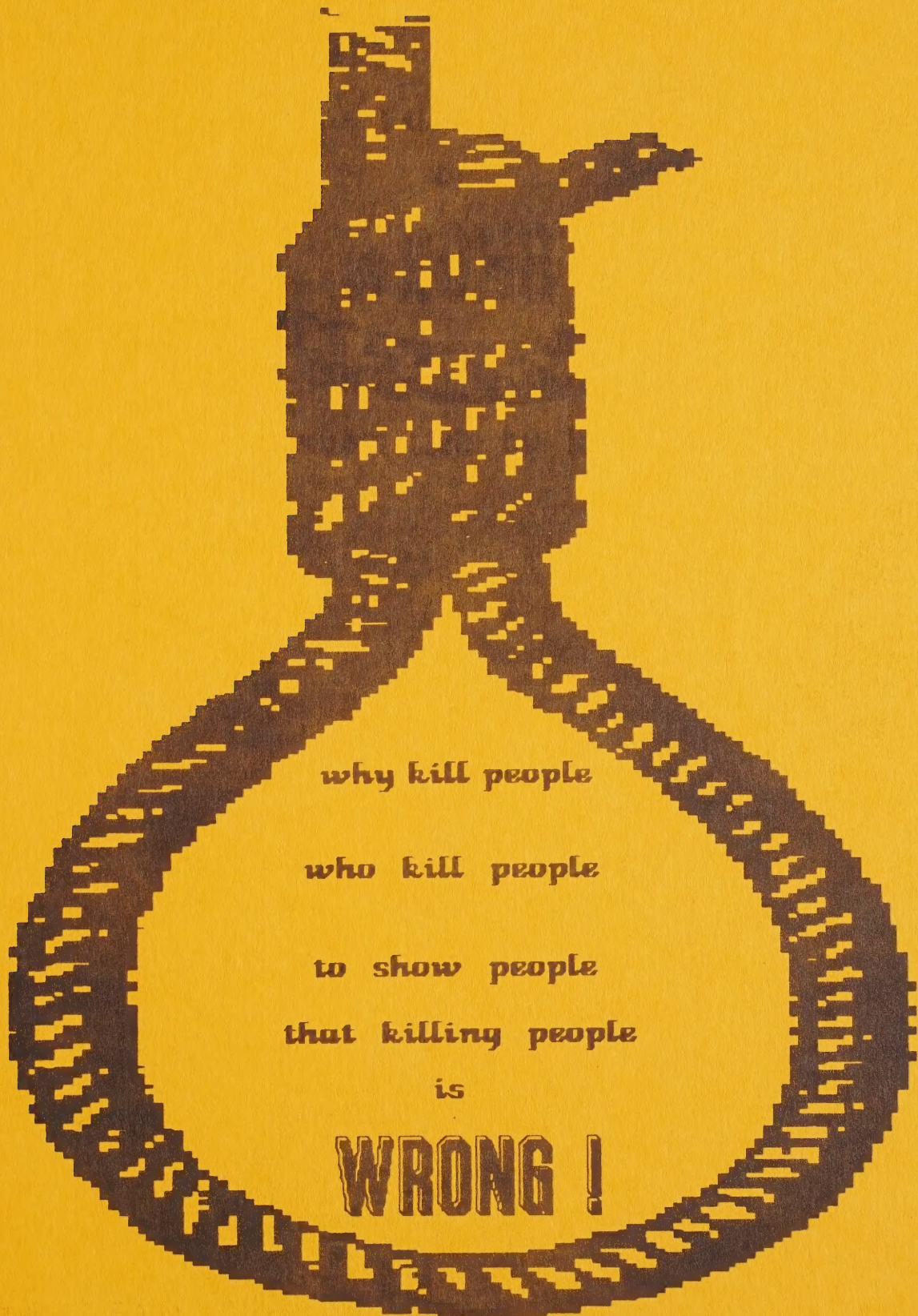
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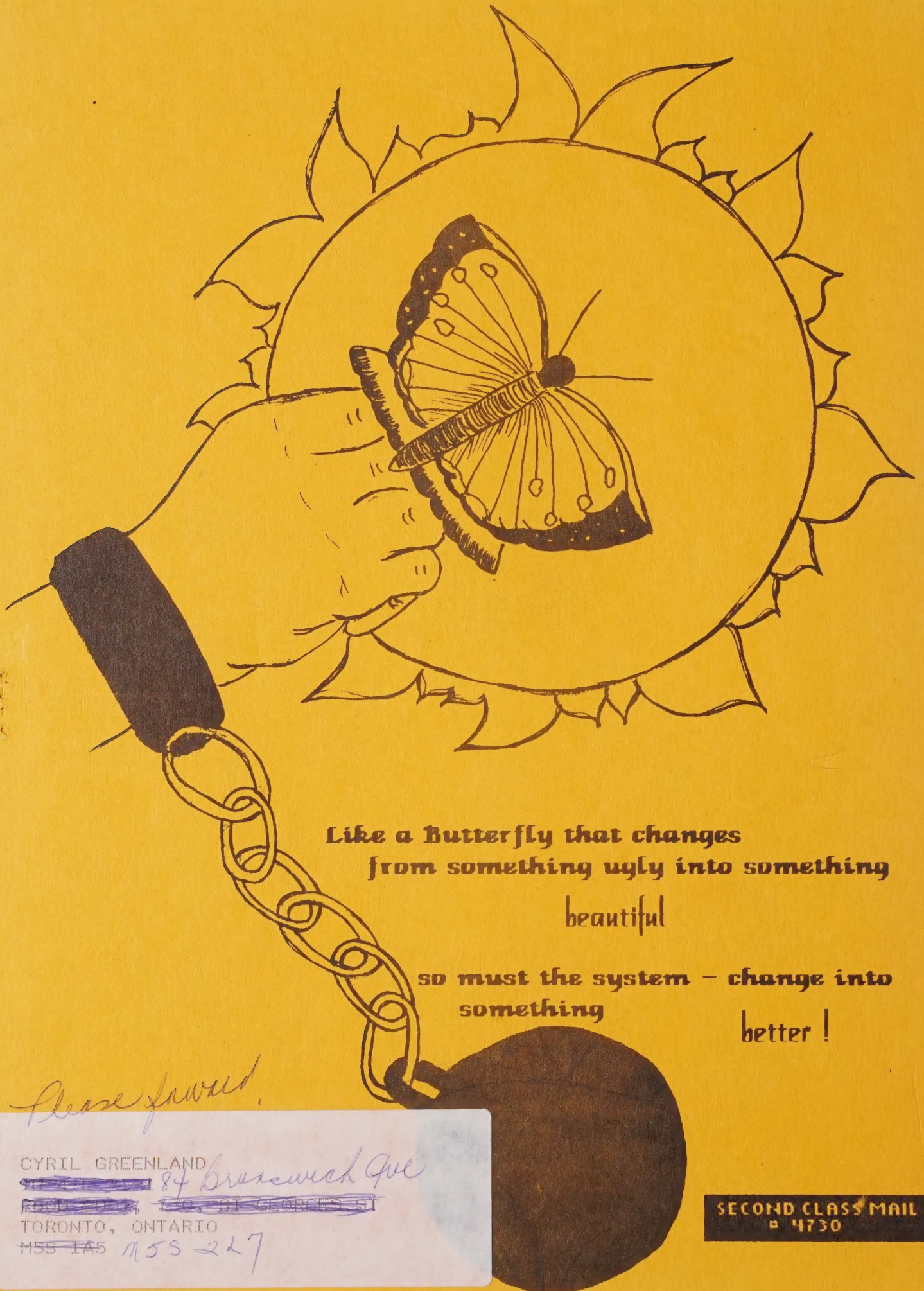
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